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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: **Keiichi Nakajima**

Group Art Unit: **3621**

Application No.: **09/786,208**

Examiner: **Pierre E. Elisca**

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For: **ELECTRONIC SETTLEMENT SYSTEM, SETTLEMENT
APPARATUS AND TERMINAL**

Date: **August 28, 2008**

**REQUEST FOR CONFIRMATION
OF CONSIDERATION OF REFERENCES**

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Commissioner For Patents

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Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests confirmation that the references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on August 5, 2008, have been considered. It will be appreciated that this Information Disclosure Statement was filed before the Notice of Allowance of this application was mailed on August 21, 2008. Applicant makes this request because the Notice of Allowance did not include an initialed copy of the List of References Cited by Applicant(s) form (PTO-1449) that was included with the August 5 Information Disclosure Statement. The August 5 Information Disclosure Statement appears in the Image File Wrapper for this application.

Applicant also requests confirmation that the reference entitled "Geoworks First to Deliver Shopping Discounts Direct to Mobile Phones and Pagers" (hereafter, "Geoworks") cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on October 31, 2007, has been considered. Applicant makes this request for confirmation because the Office Action of January 11, 2008,

included a copy of the List of References Cited by Applicant(s) form (PTO-1449) submitted along with the October 31 Information Disclosure Statement, and the Examiner placed his initials next to all of the references listed therein, with the exception of the Geoworks article. No explanation was given for the omission of the Examiner's initials next to the Geoworks article, and so it is believed that such omission arose due to an inadvertent oversight.

As a convenience to the Examiner, a copy of the August 5 Information Disclosure Statement, include the Acknowledgement Receipt confirming receipt of both that electronically-filed paper and the cited references, is annexed as Exhibit A.

Also as a convenience to the Examiner, copies of the partially-initialed October 27 List of References Cited by Applicant(s) form, the Geoworks article, and the October 31 Information Disclosure Statement, including the Acknowledgement Receipt confirming receipt of both that electronically-filed paper and the cited references, are annexed as Exhibit B.

Favorable consideration and confirmation that this information was considered are respectfully requested.

In the event that there are any questions, or should additional information be required, please contact Applicant's attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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